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The Birth of the Spirit

AND

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THE BIRTH OF THE SPIRIT

1. *What did Jesus say was necessary before a man can enter into the kingdom of God?*

   Except a man be BORN OF WATER and the SPIRIT he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.—John 3:5.

2. *How then is a man to be saved?*

   He that BELIEVETH and is BAPTIZED shall be SAVED.—Mark 16:16.

3. *Can a man be saved without entering by the door?*

   Jesus says, "I am the DOOR: by me if any man ENTER in, he SHALL BE SAVED." And again, "No man cometh unto the Father, but by me."—John 10:9; 14:6.

4. *How do we make "water and Spirit" the door when Jesus says he is the door?*

   Jesus says that he is the good shepherd; and that he ENTERETH by the DOOR.—John 10:2, 11.

5. *If baptism of "water and Spirit" is the door when was Jesus baptized in water and spirit?*

   Then cometh Jesus from Galilee to Jordan unto John, to be baptized of him. * * * And Jesus, when he was BAPTIZED, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he (John) saw the SPIRIT of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon Him.—Matt. 3:13, 16.

6. *Do those that believe on him have to be baptized?*

And when He putteth forth His own sheep, He goeth BEFORE them, and the sheep FOLLOW him. for they know His voice.—John 10:4.

7. *Were the apostles baptized in water before the day of Pentecost?*

After these things came Jesus and his disciples (the twelve) into the land of Judea; and there He tarried with them, and BAPTIZED.—John 3:22.

8. *Did Jesus baptize any one in water?*

John's disciples came to him and said, "Rabbi, he that was with thee beyond Jordan, to whom thou barest witness, behold, THE SAME BAPTIZETH.—John 3:26.

9. *Did Jesus baptize any other than his twelve disciples?*

Though Jesus himself BAPTIZED NOT, but his DISCIPLES.—John 4:1, 2.

10. *What did Jesus say about water and the Spirit after his resurrection?*

John truly BAPTIZED with WATER; but ye shall be BAPTIZED with the HOLY GHOST not many days days hence.—Acts 1:5.

11. *What did he tell the apostles to do just before he ascended into heaven?*

Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is BAPTIZED SHALL BE SAVED.—Mark 16:15, 16.

12. *In what name did he say repentance and remission of sins must be preached?*

And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in HIS NAME among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.—Luke 24:47.

13. *How did Peter begin preaching repentance and remission of sins at Jerusalem on the day of pentecost?*

Then said Peter unto them, Repent and be baptized every one of you in the NAME of JESUS CHRIST for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.—Acts 2:38.

14. *Did the people obey the words of Peter that day?*

Then they that gladly received the word WERE BAPTIZED: and the same day there were added unto them three thousand souls.—Acts 2:41.

15. *Were there any other baptized in Jesus' name besides those at Jerusalem?*

Then Philip went down to the city of Samaria, and preached unto them. But when they believed Philip preaching the things concerning the * * * name of Jesus * . * * they were baptized in the NAME of the LORD JESUS.—Acts 8:5, 12, 15, 16.

16. *What did Philip preach to the Ethiopian eunuch in the desert of Gaza?*

Then Philip opened his mouth and began at the same scripture, and preached unto him JESUS.—Acts 8:26-35.

17. *What did the eunuch say in response to Philip's preaching?*

And as they went on their way, they came unto a certain water: and the eunuch said, See, here is WATER: what doth hinder me to be BAPTIZED?—Acts 8:36.

18. *What happened after he was baptized?*

And they went down both into the water, both Philip and the eunuch: and he baptized him. And when they came up out of the water, the SPIRIT of the Lord caught away Philip, that the eunuch saw him

no more; and he went on his way REJOICING.—Acts 8:38, 39.

19. *What did Jesus answer Saul when he said, "What wilt thou have me to do?*

And the Lord said, Arise and go into the city, and it shall be told thee what thou MUST do.—Acts 9:6.

20. *What did Ananias say to Saul when he came unto him?*

Brother Saul, the Lord, even Jesus, * * * hath sent me that thou mightest receive thy sight, and be filled with the HOLY GHOST.—Acts 9:17.

21. *Did he say anything about water baptism?*

And one Ananias, a devout man according to the law, * * * came unto me, and stood, and said, Brother Saul receive thy sight. * * * And now why tarriest thou? arise and be BAPTIZED and WASH AWAY THY SINS, calling on the name of the Lord.—Acts 22:12-16.

22. *Did Saul obey the instructions of Ananias?*

And immediately there fell from his eyes as it had been scales: and he received sight forthwith, and arose, and WAS BAPTIZED.—Acts 9:18.

23. *What did Peter say after Cornelius and his household had received the Holy Ghost?*

Can any man forbid WATER, that these should not be BAPTIZED, who have received the Holy Ghost as well as we?—Acts 10:47.

24. *In what name did he command them to be baptized in?*

And he commanded them to be BAPTIZED in the name of the Lord.—Acts 10:36, 48.

25. *What effect did Paul's preaching have upon Lydia, of Thyatira?*

And a certain woman named Lydia, a seller of purple, of the city of Thyatira, which worshipped God, heard us: whose heart the Lord opened, that she ATTENDED UNTO THE THINGS which were spoken by Paul.—Acts 16:14.

26. *How was she judged to be faithful to the Lord?*

And when she was BAPTIZED, and her household, she besought us, saying, If ye have judged me faithful unto the Lord, come into my house, and abide there. And she constrained us.—Acts 16:15.

27. *What did Paul and Silas say to the jailer at Philippi when he asked, Sirs, what must I do to be saved?*

And they said, BELIEVE on the Lord Jesus Christ, and THOU SHALT BE SAVED, and thy house.—Acts 16:32.

28. *What did the jailer do next to prove that they believed?*

And he took them the same hour of the night, and washed their stripes; and WAS BAPTIZED, he and all his, straightway.—Acts 16:33.

29. *What did the Corinthians do when they heard the gospel thru the Apostle Paul's preaching?*

And Crispus, the chief ruler of the synagogue, believed on the Lord with all his house; and many of the Corinthians hearing BELIEVED, and were BAPTIZED.—Acts 18:7, 8.

30. *Were the disciples at Ephesus baptized twice?*

And he said unto them, Unto what then were you BAPTIZED? And they said, Unto John's BAPTISM. Then said Paul, John verily baptized with the bap-

tism of repentance, saying unto the people, that they should believe on Him which came after him, that is, on Christ Jesus. And when they heard this they were BAPTIZED in the NAME of the LORD JESUS. —Acts 19:3-5.

31. *How did the disciples at Rome become Christians?*

Know ye not, that so many of us as are (margin) BAPTIZED into Jesus Christ were BAPTIZED into his death. Therefore we are buried with him by BAPTISM into death.—Romans 6:3, 4.

32. *In what manner did the Apostle Paul say that the Galatian had put on Christ?*

For as many of you as have been BAPTIZED into Christ have put on Christ.—Gal. 3:37.

33. *Were the Colossians brought into Christ by baptism?*

In whom also ye are circumcised with the circumcision made without hands, * * * Buried with him by BAPTISM, wherein ye are risen with him thru the operation of God who has raised him from the dead.—Col. 2:11, 12.

34. *Did the apostles teach that water baptism saved us?*

When once the long suffering of God waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was in preparing, wherein few, that is, eight souls were saved by water. The like figure wherein BAPTISM doth also now SAVE US * * * by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.—1 Pet. 3:20, 21.

35. *Can water baptism save us alone?*

This is he that came by water and blood, even Jesus Christ: not by water only, but by WATER and BLOOD.—1 John 5:6.

36. *If we are to be saved by baptism what name must we be baptized in?*

His NAME shall be called JESUS because he shall SAVE his people from their sins. Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other NAME under heaven given among men whereby we SHALL BE SAVED.—Matt. 1:21; Acts 4:12.

37. *Why did the apostles baptize in Jesus name instead of in the name of the Godhead (Father, Son, and Holy Ghost)?*

For IN HIM dwelleth all the FULNESS OF THE GODHEAD bodily. For it pleased the Father that in him should all his fulness dwell.—Col. 1:19, 2:9.

38. *What scripture indicates that the NAME of the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost was to be one name?*

And the LORD shall be king over all the earth: in that day there shall be one LORD, and his NAME ONE.—Zech. 14:9.

39. *Will every body have to acknowledge the name of Jesus as Lord?*

That at the NAME of JESUS every knee shall bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; And that every tongue shall confess that JESUS CHRIST is LORD, to the glory of God the Father.—Phil. 2:10, 11.

40. *How does a man stand before God who did not know about baptism in the name of Jesus for the remission of sins?*

If I had not come and spoken unto them, they HAD NOT HAD SIN: But now they have no cloak (excuse) for their sin.—John 15:22.

41. *What does Jesus say to those who have light on his word?*

Yet a little while is the light with you. WALK WHILE YOU HAVE THE LIGHT, lest darkness come upon you: for he that walketh in darkness knoweth not whither he goeth. While ye have light, believe in the light, that ye may be the children of light. These things spake Jesus, and departed, and did hide himself from them.—John 12:35, 36.

THE MYSTERY OF THE GODHEAD

1. *Can the mystery of the Godhead be understood?*

   and Godhead; so that they are without excuse.—For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being UNDERSTOOD by the things that are made, even His eternal power Rom. 1:20.

2. *From whom hath God hidden the mystery of the Father and the Son?*

   In that hour Jesus rejoiced in spirit, and said, I thank thee, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that thou hast HIDDEN these things from the WISE and PRUDENT, and hast revealed them unto babes: * * * And no man knoweth who the Son is, but the Father; and who the Father is, but the Son, and he to whom the Son will reveal him. —Lu. 10:21, 22.

3. *Did any of the prophets say anything about the name of the Godhead being a mystery?*

   The words of Agur, the son of Jaketh, even the prophecy: * * * Who hath ascended up into heaven, or descended? who hath gathered the winds in his fist? who hath bound the waters in a garment? who hath established all the ends of the earth? WHAT IS HIS NAME, and what is His Son's name, if thou canst tell?—Prov. 30:1.

4. *Who did Jesus say ascended into heaven, and descended?*

   And no man has ascended up to heaven, but he that came down from heaven, even the SON OF MAN which is in heaven.—John 3:13.

5. *Is he that ascended, the same that descended?*

How that he ascended, what is it but that he *also* dscended first into the lower parts of the earth? He that descended is the SAME also that ascended up far above all heavens that he might fill all things.—Eph. 4:9, 10.

6. *Did Jesus reveal himself to the disciples to be the Father?*

If ye had known me, ye should have known my Father also: and from henceforth ye know him, and have seen him. Philip saith unto him, Lord, shew us the Father, and it sufficeth us. Jesus answered and said, have I been so long time with you, and yet thou hast not known me, Philip? He that hath seen me had seen the FATHER; and how sayest thou then, Shew us the Father?—John 14:7-9.

7. *Did Jesus say that he and the Father were two separate persons?*

I and my FATHER are ONE. Then the Jews took up stones to stone him.—John 10:30, 31.

8. *By this statement did the Jews understand him to say that he was God the Father?*

The Jews answered him, saying, For a good work we stone thee not; but for blasphemy; and because that thou being a man, makest thyself GOD.—John 10:33.

9. *Is there any scripture in prophecy that states that the Son and the Father was to be the same person?*

Unto us a child is born, unto us a SON is given, * * * and his name shall be called * * * the mighty GOD, the everlasting FATHER, the prince of peace.—Isa. 9:6.

10. *Is God another person like Jesus?*

God is a SPIRIT: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.—John 4:23, 24.

11. *Where was God, the Spirit, while Jesus was with humanity on earth?*

GOD WAS IN CHRIST, reconciling the world unto Himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them.—2 Cor. 5:19.

12. *Was Jesus God in the form of man?*

Without controversy, great is the mystery of godliness: GOD WAS MANIFEST in the FLESH, justified in the spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up to glory.—1 Tim. 3:16.

13. *If Jesus was God, why did he take on the form of fleshy man?*

But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the SUFFERING OF DEATH, * * * Forasmuch as the children are partakers of FLESH and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that thru death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil. —Heb. 2:9, 14.

14. *What other scripture tells us that Jesus was God who was made flesh?*

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word WAS God. * * * and the Word became FLESH and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.—John 1:1, 12.

15. *Who created the heaven and the earth in the beginning?*

In the beginning GOD CREATED the heaven and Earth.—Gen. 1:1.

16. *Does the Bible in any place say that Jesus was the Creator?*

Who is the image of the invisible God, the first born of every creature: for BY HIM were all things CREATED, that are in heaven, and that are in

earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him.—Col. 1:15, 16.

17. *Did God create man and woman?*

So God created man in His own image, in the image of God created He him: male and female created He them.—Gen. 1:26.

18. *Were there more than one God that created man?*

Have we not all one father? and hath not ONE GOD CREATED us?—Mat. 2:10.

19. *What did the apostle Paul say about He who made the world?*

GOD that MADE THE WORLD and all things therein, seeing that He is Lord of heaven and earth, dwelleth not in temples made with hands.—Acts 17:24.

20. *Did God ever come into the world after he had made it?*

HE WAS IN THE WORLD, and the world WAS MADE by Him, and the world knew Him not. He came unto His own, and His own received Him not. —John 1:10, 11.

21. *If Jesus made all things does that prove that he is God?*

For every house is builded by some man; but he that BUILT ALL THINGS is God.—Heb. 3:4.

22. *Is the Redeemer, the Lord of Hosts, and the King of Israel all the same person?*

Thus saith the Lord, the KING OF ISRAEL, and his REDEEMER, the Lord of Hosts; I am the first, and I am the last; and beside me there is no God. —Isa. 44:6.

23. *Was Jesus called the King of Israel?*

Nathaniel answered and said unto him (Jesus) Rabbi, thou are the Son of God; thou art the KING OF ISRAEL.—John 1:49.

24. *Is there to be more than one King of Israel?*

And the Lord shall be king over all the earth; in that day there shall be ONE LORD and His name ONE.—Zech. 14:9.

25. *What did Pilate place over the cross when Jesus was Crucified?*

And a superscription also was written over him in letters of Greek, and Latin, and Hebrew, THIS IS JESUS OF NAZARETH, the KING OF THE JEWS. —Lu. 23:38; John 19:19.

26. *Was God ever formed so that he could be seen in person?*

Before me there was NO GOD FORMED, neither shall there be any after me.—Isa. 43:10. No man has SEEN God at any time.—John 1:18. Ye have neither heard his voice at any time, nor SEEN his shape.—John 5:37.

27. *Who was it that sent Jesus into the world?*

Come ye near unto me, hear ye this: * * * and now the LORD GOD, and his Spirit has SENT me.—Isa. 48:16.

28. *How can we see the Lord God who sent him?*

Jesus cried and said, "He that believeth on me, believeth not on me but on him that SENT me. And he that seeth me seeth him that SENT me?—John 12:44, 45.

29. *Is all the fulness of God to be found in Christ?*

For in him (Jesus) dwelleth all the FULNESS of the Godhead bodily.—Col. 2:9.

30. *By what name did Abraham know the God of Israel?*

I appeared unto Abraham, unto Isaac, and unto Jacob, by the name of GOD ALMIGHTY, but by my name Jehovah was I not known to them.—Ex. 6:3.

31. *Did Jesus say that he was the Almighty?*

I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the ALMIGHTY.—Rev. 1-8.

32. *If Jesus is the Almighty God did he see Abraham?*

Your father Abraham rejoiced to see my day: and he saw it and was glad. * * * Verily, verily, I say unto you, Before Abraham was, I am.—John 8:56, 58.

33. *Did God declare himself to be the first and the last?*

Thus saith the Lord the King of Israel, * * * I am THE FIRST, and I am THE LAST; and beside me there is no God. Hearken unto me, O Jacob and Israel, my called; I am he; I am THE FIRST, I also am the LAST—Isa. 44:6; 48:12.

34. *Did Jesus say that he was the first and the last?*

And when I saw him, I fell at his feet as dead. And he laid his right hand upon me, saying unto me, Fear not; I am the FIRST and the LAST. I am he that liveth and WAS DEAD; and, behold, I am alive forevermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death.—Rev. 1:17, 18.

35. *How many persons did John see sitting on the throne in heaven?*

And immediately I was in the Spirit;. and behold, a throne was set in heaven, and ONE sat on the throne.—Rev. 4:2.